



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION**

**Month of the Military Family**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of brave Americans, including many Rhode Islanders, have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in our country's armed forces in Active, Guard and Reserve duty posts around the state, nation and world; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these service members have left families and children behind during their deployments; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Active, Guard and Reserve military families reside in the State of Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the Month of the Military Family provides an opportunity to pay tribute to their commitment, struggles and unconditional support; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim November, 2011 as the Month of the Military Family in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State